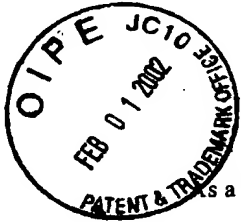


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I, a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor *(if only one name is listed below)* or an original, first and joint inventor *(if plural names are listed below)* of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

METHOD AND APPARATUS

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the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) ☒ is attached hereto.  
(b) ☒ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ or  
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(c) \_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

  X   which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. § 1.56.

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\_\_\_\_\_ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and  
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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 USC 119
UNITED KINGDOM	0025284.1	14 OCTOBER 2000	YES

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